

This is Devoted to Man and His Interests.

A SUNDAY MORNING.

STRANGE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS AT THE COMMONWEALTH.

Where Ignorance is Bliss it Does Not Necessarily Follow 'Tis Folly to be Wise. Surprises in Store for All.

It has been said that disconnected thought and incoherent expression are characteristics of the female mind. However, these, together with the artificial use of the screen-door, curves and corners, the wide ends, but not butterfly; very high, straight collar; opera hat, and very short incoherence.

With what strange forebodings did she glide through his spacious hall, until a friendly door loomed up in exact position, as a starter for her Sunday campaign work. Fairly shaking in her boots for fear of detection, this embodiment of ghostly feeling began to grow bold in its loneliness, as the usual Sunday morning strollers dropped in one at a time, and assumed their respective callings. Now this calling was just what she was after. The brass band would soon begin, she thought, and then one could slip and slide from pillar to post as the opportunity presented itself.

In came one of the heavy-weights. A royal good fellow, noted much for clever sayings, who is given to passing the Sabbath day at the club. And now here he was, the very first, and alone in a million, that he had not breakfasted. What could the eye be deceptive? Yes; an article on "Rip Van Winkle of the Age."

Her seaside costume consisted of white flannel, blue negligee shirt, blue tie, blue sash, straw hat with blue satin band, and white shoes.

Morning suit of gray mixed goods, cut-away sack, black derby.

A Public Library.

Several years ago in a conversation on public institutions in cities, a distinguished physician said to me, the institution most needed in Richmond was a city hospital, but that he saw no prospect for one; that such institutions were generally gifts from wealthy men, and the South did not, in the first place, abound in millionaires, nor were the forms of charity fashionable in the North; and secondly, the South, I could not answer. The outlook was, indeed, discouraging, for to neither of us did it occur to look to the women of the State to solve this problem. My silence then is rebuked now, that I see how energetically and nobly the Virginia women are working to promote this charity, and my faith in their power to plan and do grows.

The public institution whose need is most felt by every teacher, not only in Richmond, but in all Virginia cities and towns, is the public library. Almost every New England city of four or five thousand inhabitants has its public library; why not Petersburg, Farmville, Lynchburg, and Norfolk? Is it that Virginians do not care for the education of the masses, provided the favored few have access to the treasure of wisdom of the ages? The history of our State tells another tale.

Almost every Virginia town, of four or five thousand inhabitants, has its four churches, each generally supplied with a Sunday-school library. In almost every town some generous woman of leisure could be found to act as librarian to a library in its infancy. Cannot the ministers unite, weld the libraries of their respective churches together; cannot congregations add to the collected libraries, and the interests of the town be awakened? A nucleus once formed, a people's library started under the direction of the ministers and leading men, and women of the town, success, I believe, would be assured.

Young men should refrain from wearing their handkerchiefs in open view. It is neither an article of apparel nor an ornament, and should only be brought forth when needed. It is decidedly childish to display it, and would shock members of well-informed society.

Do Not

Wear yellow shoes with dress suit, even when proposing to your best girl.

Wear pink shirt, white collar, white vest with frock coat suit when you go to church with your wife.

Wear silk hat with gray sack coat.

Wear white socks with low-quartered shoes.

Wear ruffles on dress shirts—out of date.

Wear dress trousers turned up.

Wear negligee shirt with standing collar and cuffs.

Wear anything but frock coat with light trousers for church or afternoon.

Fall to wear tan shoes of a lemon color hue all summer.

Wear white gloves to your place of business.

Do Wear

Gloves in dark gray or brown, undressed kids.

Trousers narrower at the knee than during the past year.

For morning lounge suit, cut short, and almost square behind, chevrot tweed, or Scotch mixture.

For afternoon, cutaway coat of vicuña, brown, gray, or black, fancy waistcoat, trousers brown, gray, or striped, top hat.

For evening trousers and coat of vicuña (black), white waistcoat, single or double-breasted; white tie; high or crush hat.

For travelling, lounge suit, tan shoes; Hamburg hat or cap; colored shirt.

For driving, frock coat, light trousers, top hat, light dogskin gloves.

String ties with broad ends.

The inveterate cape coat with evening dress.

Don't.

Don't imagine that every old maid who scrutinizes you in passing is coveting you. She may be only noticing how few teeth you have left.

Don't keep complaining that you can't understand women. We can't help it if you're stupid—we do the best we can for you.

When a man comes home in a good humor he is going to be. If he comes home in a bad humor he has been doing his duty—and some one's got to suffer for it.

Did you ever observe that a man never likes to eat of a dish unless tasted and approved by the women? It's a family trait. All the Adams do that.

A man believes what a woman's tale him. A woman believes what she sees.

You may flatter some women sometimes, most women most times, but a man can be flattered at all times.

The tenderness of woman's nature is never more evidenced than when a man is making a fool of himself and she makes him believe she doesn't know it.

How would we get on, in this world, my sisters, if we didn't have more sense than the men?

One soon found out they were harmless creatures, while meditations and smoke seemed to be their aim, for "not a word was said, not a tear was shed, till the mournful task was done." Now we will have it as a glimpse, revealed Ward Mc's friend, who kept an appointment with two gentlemen from Manchester and Barton Heights, the tri-une idea being to break down the barrier in the social world of these three cities, united we stand, etc. The exclusiveness of the so-called smart set was ably sketched, though the label on the bottle was proven a greater necessity.

A young society swell made quickly for an upstairs' room, and was soon expounding the Scriptures to a large number of whoebos who, while a certain wholehearted merchant was laying plans by which these same boys could be entertained at the "Friendly Society" for young boys on west Main street through the coming year.

In the right-hand room on the second floor were seven wise men with mite boxes in their hands, judging from the sound that emanated. The door was closed and just as she stood there for a moment she was convinced that conversation as an art was not so fast disappearing.

With this impression she slipped away just behind that legal light who has completed his Jacob's term at Brook Hill.

Blessed be the man who knows how to caper and enjoy nonsense; woe to the man that started early with his boyhood, and blessed be the man that carries his boyhood down latest in life.

SOUTHERN GIRL'S IDEA.

WHAT SHE THINKS OF NORTHERN MEN AND THEIR CUSTOMS.

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When he is at college, all one has to do is to talk of college sports in order to interest him. After graduating, he either travels or settles down to a business, which, in most cases, is more of an occupation than a necessity, enabling him to attend opera, theatres, and all other places of amusement. All these as you know, furnishing most interesting topics of conversation, and it is my private opinion if he didn't have these advantages he would not talk half so well as the Southerners.

The main thing that has struck me about him is how very easy he is to "jolly," or in other words, to "fake," aside from the acknowledged penchant that he has for Southern girls. One reason for this is, the girls of the North are so handicapped by a multitude of petty conventionalities and chaperones

is to be alone, especially "when yer swate heart is wid ye."

Dear George: We would not advise you to go West, as the southern city of the Bible has been fully established, even if woman is trying to change it, and that good book tells us that "The wise men came from the East," so stay here.

Dear John: We have been thinking over the matter, and find it will be more economical for you to buy your wife a diamond ring than a new pair of gloves every few days.

Dear Allen: In answer to our question about the "Markons in Heaven," we have to confess that your mansion in the next world will be without fire escapes.

Dear Bob: The best way for you to obtain a good "press" is to call on your best girl.

Dear Willie: The only way for you to keep up your end is to just stop, or else the curlstone will keep it up for you.

Dear Jim: In answer to your conundrum, "What is the difference between my mother-in-law and a tree?" I can only answer that the tree leaves every spring, and—well, I am sorry to say—

My Dear Tom: It is not worth the while to worry about your wife riding a bicycle. She would be more conspicuous by not riding—so let her go.

Dear George: You can get those kindest-possible views of the local reporters for the Woman's Edition from Holderly, we think, without any trouble.

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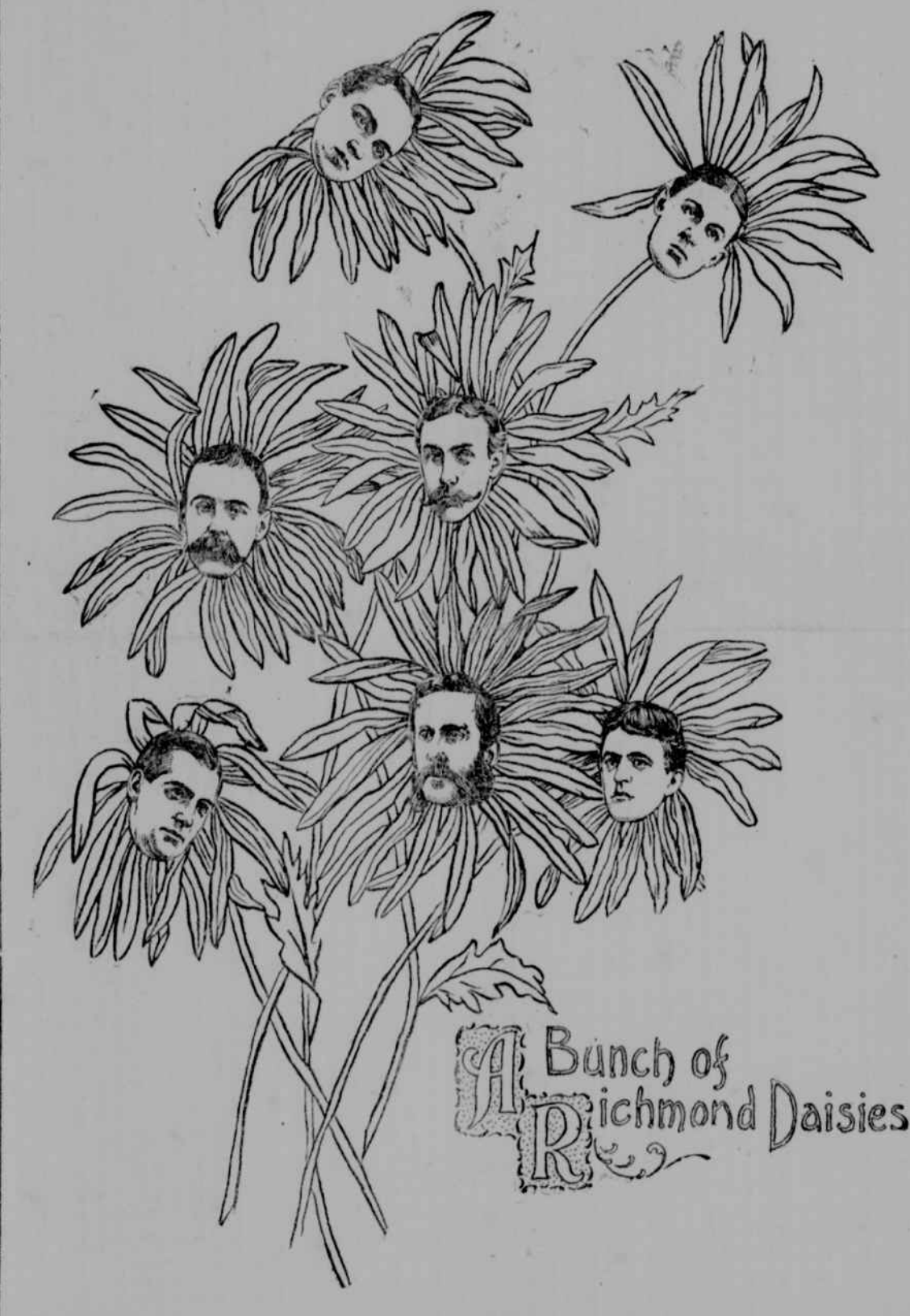
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A Bunch of Richmond Daisies

A regular temperance lecture, that was assuming a giant's proportion—talking to himself, one caught these words: "Young American! if you give yourself up to this mighty monster called drink, he will unconsciously steal upon your senses and, as the wheel of winged Time rolls on, etc." Here in this quiet spot where reveries, thought, and experience hold high carnival, he heeded not the cry of his fellow-creature from the next room. "To come over and join us," being too much engrossed in mixing temperance drinks for the world.

These four men closely chaired over near one of the side windows, from which a goodly view of nature, smiling around in her garb of greenness! It was hardly worth the while to draw near to them for horse to their theme when gathered together. No doubt the problem of how to divide a four-legged animal into three equal parts would be solved. Missions! Could the ear be following in the wake of the sight, and be deceiving the fair listener—yet a little nearer and "How best keep the missionaries in the foreign field." This great issue of the nineteenth century was being handled in a most able manner. Ye gods and little mortals! what a dream, when "How to live without eating," in liquid cadences stole upon the ear.

Trust companies were being planned by an able lot of men, who already owned the earth. "Argon," the new life-giving element, recently discovered in the atmosphere, was actually being cornered, though one could not be clear that it was impossible to water this stock, which, as yet, was of an aetherial nature. These trustees wanted to condense this "Argon" in the solid, and make a new tub-hoile cheese. Ye gods and little fishes, Professor Berthelot would be in it if this was the case.

Bachelors for the dozen. What an addition to the city treasury that they would have been if old Plato had been living.

In Answer,

Shall I forget thee? God alone can say:

Perhaps, when the sad moon forgets the sea,

When purple she has silvered full and free,

Since God's dividing glass made night and day;

Perhaps, when the deep waves forget the beach,

When flowers forget the sunshine and the bee,

When Heaven forgets its care for you and I,

When earth forgets to wake and bloom in May,

When summer suns forget to rise and shine,

When stars forget to guard the sleeping land,

When souls redeemed forget to watch o'er men,

Committed to their keeping, when divine Blessings forget to flow from God's right hand.

Perhaps I may forget thee—not till then.

—Margaret Hunt Brisbane.

New Orleans, May 27, 1885.

Special Market Reports.

Young men.—Unsteady.

Girls.—Above par in demand.

Papas.—Lively.

Mamas.—In decline, but unsettled.

Boots and shoes.—Those in the market are sold; the rest going up.

Tobacco.—Very high and on the rise.

Bicycles.—Still high, but have a downward tendency.

Hats and Caps.—A little higher than last year, except foolcap, and that is stationary.

Drinks.—Constantly going down.

Silver.—Close, but not close enough to losses.

Stocks.—Still and easily collared.

Wheat.—A grain better than oats for some purposes.

Breadstuffs.—Heavy.

Fruit.—Easy.

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